(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these agreements will bring any improvements in the working of Railways;

(d) whether some of these agreements will benefit the passengers of Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ongoing Technical Assistance Agreements arrived at with U N.D.P. are as under:

(i) 'Upgradation of R&D facilities of R.D.S.O. (Phase-II) to enhance the capability to design and test advanced generation passenger stock.

(ii) 'Assistance to Indian Railways for Organisational Development and System Changes.'

(iii) 'Upgrading Rail Infrastructure for Greater Throughput' to enhance the technical knowledge/ competence in the area of design, constructitn and maintenance of civil engineering assets for operating passenger trains upto 160 Kmph and operating 9000 T freight trains.

Funding from UNDP will cover costs if consultants, training for Indian Railways officers and minor testing equipments.

(c) to (e) Knowledge and expertise gained in the process of learning in these projects will be utilised for improving working of the Rail-. ways in the related areas resulting in improved quality of services and increased efficiency of Indian Railways which will ultimately benefit the users of freight services and passengers Including those from Uttar Pradesh.

रेलवे में अपर्याप्त निगरानी तंत्र

3744. श्री ईश दत्त यादव:
श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह
मंगरोला:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे में वर्तमान निगरानी तंत्र अपर्याप्त और कम प्रभावी है जिसके कारण रेलवे नई रेल-लाईन बिछाने के कार्य को शुरू करने/पूरा करने में असफल रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(ग) सरकार ने नई रेल लाइन के निर्माण की प्रगति पर निरन्तर रूप से निगरानी रखने हेतु क्या प्रयास किये हैं और इस दिशा में क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी०के० जाफर शरीफ) (क) से (ग) क्षेत्रीय रेलवे बोर्ड, तथा दोनों ही स्तर पर पर्याप्त निगरानी तंत्र मौजूद हैं तथा सभी परियोजनाओं की प्रगति की बोर्ड सदस्य के स्तर पर तिमाही समीक्षा की जाती है नई लाइन परियोजनाओं में कम अथवा प्रभावी निगरानी के कारण विलंब नहीं हुआ है अपितु अपर्याप्त धन की व्यवस्था होने के कारण इन परियोजनाओं में यह विलंब हुआ है जिसकी जरूरत की पूर्ति पूरी तरह से योजना आयोग द्वारा व्यवस्थित बजटीय समर्थन से की जाती है।

Upgradation of posts of Reservation and medical staff in Northern Railway

3745. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL; Will the Min ister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that restructuring report regiarding upgrading posts of reservation staff and medical staff on Northern Railway has not yet been implement ' so far; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and *how* much, more time it will take?

THE. MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (b) Benefit of restructuring has been extended to almost all the reservation staff except a few cases where disciplinary proceeding is under process. In respect of medical staff, restructuring has been implemented in all categories, wherever due, except in the category of Safai-wala which is under process.

Face list of Railways Retiring Rooms

3746. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Menister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give a face lift to retiring rooms at important railway stations which are in bad shape and privatise the retiring rooms to hotels to run them; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Improvement to Retiring rooms is a continuous process. Efforts are made by the Railways to ensure (provision of amenities and proper maintenance and upkeep of retiring rooms at stations. Inspections are conducted by the railway authorities and the deficiencies made good wherever notified. There is no proposal for privatising the retiring rooms at present

Meeting of Indo-Japanese railway working group

3747. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleated to state-

(a) the outcome of the 6th Meeting of the Indo-Japanese railway working group held in New Delhi, recently; and

(b) whether Government have sought Japanese Cooperation in special training courses for Indian Railway officials in operation, and maintenance?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The 6th Meeting of Indo-Japan Railway working Group was held in New Delhi from 28th February to 6th March, 1995. Indian side sought Japanese cooperation in special training courses for Indian Railwayy officials in operation and maintnance of 2x25 KV Electric Traction system, 3 phase drive equipment in 25 KV AC BG EMUs.|1500 KV DC EMUs, track & bridge technology, maintenance system for Calcutta Metro and noise level reduction maasures for metro railway Including consultancy and studies.

The Japanese side agreed for inclusion of som of the Indian Railway Officials in various group training courses for 1995-96 and 1996-97. The Japanese side will indicate the data and programme of such courses.

Losses of railways in transporation of goods

3748. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to ascertain as to why Government are incurring loss of earn-ings in transportation of goods by Railways; and

(b) if so, the total amount earnea during the last three years and the quantum of goods transporation during this period?